

## ON THE RE-DISCOVERY OF THE BAT

### *Kerivoula brunnea*, Dobs.

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AMONGST a collection of bats belonging to the Transvaal Museum which, through the kindness of the Director, Dr. Gunning, I have been allowed to examine, is one which proves to belong to *Kerivoula brunnea*. This species was described by Dr. Dobson in the "Catalogue of Chiroptera" in 1878 from a single specimen, whose habitat was not definitely known, and until now no further example has been found.

The present specimen is the skin and skull of an adult male, collected by Messrs. Vaughan-Kirby and Austin Roberts on the 27th October, 1908, at Matieve, Boror, Portuguese East Africa. It has been compared with the type in the British Museum by Mr. Oldfield Thomas and Dr. Knud Andersen, who agree in assigning it to this species.

As the original description was based upon a not fully adult specimen, which, moreover, had somewhat suffered through long soaking in spirits, it seems worth while recording the measurements of the present example, and also the manner in which it differs from Dobson's original description.

#### MEASUREMENTS.

Taken in flesh by the collectors :—	mm.
Head and body.....	46
Tail.....	44
Hind foot.....	7
Ear.....	12

Taken upon dried skin and cleaned skull :—

#### *Skin :*

Wings—Forearm.....	35
Third finger—Metacarpal.....	35
First joint.....	19
Second joint.....	27
Fourth finger—Metacarpal.....	34
First joint.....	13
Second joint.....	12·5
Fifth finger—Metacarpal.....	34·5
First joint.....	11
Second joint.....	10
Tibia.....	15

<i>Skull :</i>	mm.
Extreme length.....	15
Basal length.....	12·5
Extreme width of brain case.....	7
Zygomatic width.....	9·5
Maxilla, width across outer margin of M <sup>3</sup> .....	6
Orbital constriction.....	3
Med. post. point of palate to front of praemaxilla.....	8
Med. post. point of palate to foramen magnum.....	4
Mandible, condyle to front of incisors.....	10·5

*Teeth :*

Front of upper canine to back of M <sup>3</sup> .....	6
Front of lower canine to back of M <sub>3</sub> .....	6

General colour above, russet brown ; the basal half of hairs on back very dark-brown, followed by light golden-buff, grading into a rich brown, and terminating in white. Below almost white, the bases of the hairs greyish. The hairs on the upper surface of legs and the interfemoral membrane rich golden-brown. Upper surface of forearm, carpals, and thumb covered with short golden hairs, which extend along the margin of the wing on the second metacarpal. Inner upper incisors somewhat longer than the outer ones.

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